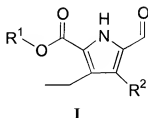


In the claims:

1. (Original) A compound of Formula I:



wherein

R¹ is selected from 1) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, 2) substituted or unsubstituted aryl, 3) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, and 4) substituted or unsubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl;

R² is selected from 1) halogen, 2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, 3) substituted or unsubstituted C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, 4) substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, and 5) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl selected from pyridyl, benzofuranyl, isoxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, and thienyl; said alkyl, alkynyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl is optionally substituted with one or more of R³;

R³ is independently selected from 1) halogen, 2) -OR⁴, 3) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, 4) substituted or unsubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, 5) substituted or unsubstituted aryl, 6) substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, 7) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, 8) -C(O)R⁴, 9) -C(O)OR⁴, 10) -CN, and 11) -NO₂;

R⁴ is independently selected from 1) hydrogen, 2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, 3) substituted or unsubstituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, 4) substituted or unsubstituted C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, 5) substituted or unsubstituted aryl, and 6) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

2. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1,
wherein

R¹ is substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R² is selected from 1) halogen, 2) substituted or unsubstituted C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, 3) substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, and 4) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclcyl selected from pyridyl, benzofuranyl, isoxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, and thienyl;
said alkynyl, phenyl, and heterocyclcyl is optionally substituted with one or more of R³;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 2,
wherein

R² is halogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

4. (Original) A compound selected from

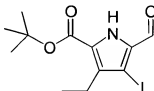
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(5-formyl-2-furyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
di(tert-butyl) 4'-ethyl-2'-formyl-1H,1'H-2,3'-bipyrrole-1,5'-dicarboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-formylthien-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
ethyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
ethyl 3,4-diethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-[4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(3-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;

tert-butyl 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(3-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-thien-3-yl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-thien-2-yl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or stereoisomer thereof.

5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

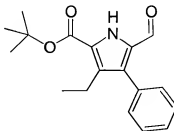
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

6. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

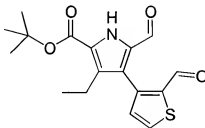
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

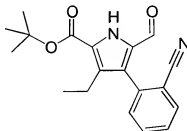
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-formylthien-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

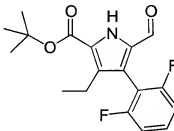
tert-butyl 4-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

9. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

tert-butyl 4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

10. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance with Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) A method of treating cancer in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

19. (Cancelled)